

2013 Profile of Town of Ithaca (including the village of Cayuga Heights)

1. General Population, Demographics and Housing

- Total Population: 19,930 (2010)
- Median age: 27.5 years (Tompkins County median age: 29.8 years)
- Population increased 9.5% from 2000
- 79.7% of the town of Ithaca's population is white. (Tompkins County rate is 82.6%.)

The town of Ithaca is second only to the City of Ithaca in population within Tompkins County.

2010 Total Population and Change from 2000				
	2000*	2010	Absolute change	Percent change
Ithaca (town)	18,198	19,930	+ 1,732	+ 9.5%
Tompkins Cty.	96,501	101,564	+ 5,063	+ 5.2%
V. Cayuga Hts.	3,273	3,729	+ 465	+ 13.9%
V. Lansing	3,417	3,529	112	+ 3.3%

The Town population includes the Village of Cayuga Heights shown separately at bottom. The Village of Lansing is not included but is shown for planning purposes.
*Please see "data note" on P. 4 of this profile.

- Number of households: 6,988
- Percentage of households that are families: 52% (this compares to a county range of 28% to 69%)
 - Number of family households with own children under age 18 – 1,599 (22.9%)
 - 1,210 are husband/wife families (17.3%)
 - 81 are male householder families (no wife present) (1.2%)
 - 308 are female householder families (no husband present) (4.4%)
- Number of owner occupied houses: 3,551 Median value: \$217,500
- Percent of occupied homes that are owner occupied: 50.8% (Tompkins County rate: 54.1%)
- Percent of housing units (7,420) that are mobile homes: 1.0%
- For renter-occupied units, median rent: \$960 (Tompkins median rent: \$837)

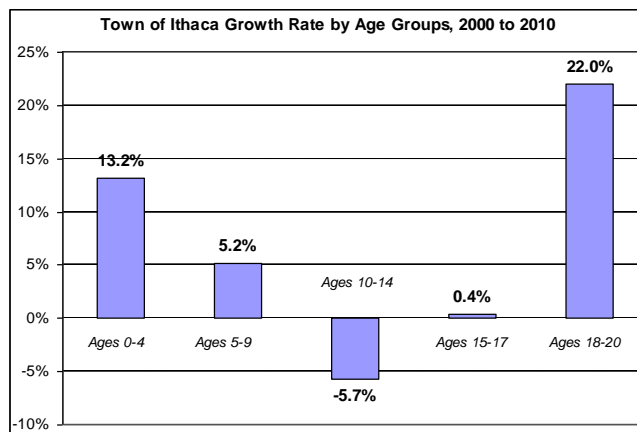
(Sources: 2010 U.S. Census; 2005-2009, American Community Survey)

2. Youth Population

The Town of Ithaca was one of only two Tompkins towns that showed growth in their 0-17 youth population between 2000 and 2010. All age groups except 10-14 are larger than they were ten years ago.

Approximately 17% of Tompkins County youth, ages 0 – 17, live in the town of Ithaca.

Source: U.S. Census



Youth 0 – 17		Youth 0 – 20	
Number of youth	2,840	Number of youth	7,232
Percentage of Tompkins County youth living in town of Ithaca	17%	Percentage of Tompkins County youth living in town of Ithaca	23.3%
Percentage change from 2000	+ 3.1%	Percentage change from 2000	+ 13.8%
Tompkins County change from 2000	- 8.9%	Tompkins County change from 2000	- 3.3%

2010 Youth Population, Changes from 2000											
	Age					2000	2010	%	2000	2010	%
	0 - 4	5 - 9	10 - 14	15 - 17	18 - 20	0 - 17	0 - 17	Change	0 - 20	0 - 20	Change
Ithaca (town)	796	771	784	489	4,392	2,754	2,840	+ 3.1%	6,354	7,232	+ 13.8%
Tompkins County	4,322	4,410	4,537	3,390	14,321	18,296	16,659	- 8.9%	32,036	30,980	- 3.3%
V. Cay. Hts.	131	157	177	110	591	501	575	+ 14.8%	457	1,166	+ 64.5%
V. Lansing	194	167	142	95	70	645	598	- 7.3%	738	668	- 9.5%

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Source: U.S. Census

3. School and Education

Enrollment

Approximately 47% of youth attending public school in the county attend ICSD schools.

Student Enrollment, 2011– 12 School Year					
	Pre K	K – 5	6 – 8	9 - 12	ELL*
Cayuga Hts. Elementary	18	317	0	0	0
Northeast Elementary	33	349	0	0	53
Boynton Middle School	0	0	573	0	1
DeWitt Middle School	0	0	524	0	19
Lehman Alternative Commun. Sch.	0	0	124	175	2
ICSD total	258	2,342	1,201	1,577	234

Special Needs

In the 2011-12 school year 13.9% of Ithaca district students were classified as having a disability. The rate for all school districts in New York State was 12.8%.

Free & Reduced Lunch Participation

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	2009-10		2010-11		2011-12	
	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced	Free	Reduced
Cayuga Hts. Elem.	40%	4%	22%	2%	33%	1%
Northeast Elem.	17%	8%	14%	7%	24%	8%
Boynton M. S.	25%	6%	23%	4%	24%	4%
DeWitt M.S.	25%	5%	29%	3%	29%	7%
L.A.C.S.	13%	8%	18%	8%	22%	8%
ICSD total	26%	6%	26%	5%	30%	6%
Tompkins C..	27%	8%	26%	6%	28%	6%

Eligibility for a family of 4 (July, 2011): Free lunch \$29,055, Reduced lunch \$41,348

School Performance

Ithaca 4 th grade Student Performance on Standardized Tests – Percent Meeting State Standards									
	Cayuga Hts.			Northeast			ICSD		
	ELA*	Math	Sci.	ELA*	Math	Sci.	ELA*	Math	Sci.
2010-11	71%	86%	92%	86%	90%	100%	67%	72%	91%
2011-12	78%	75%	94%	81%	94%	100%	67%	73%	90%

Ithaca 8 th grade Student Performance on Standardized Tests – Percentage Meeting State Standards												
	Boynton			DeWitt			LACS			ICSD		
	ELA	Math	Sci.	ELA	Math	Sci.	ELA	Math	Sci.	ELA	Math	Sci.
2010-11	58%	62%	88%	66%	68%	84%	43%	27%	66%	59%	60%	83%
2011-12	62%	60%	82%	55%	65%	81%	77%	34%	77%	60%	59%	80%

* ELA = English Language Arts

Source: NYS Dept. of Education School Report Cards

NYS Education Dept's. goal is for schools to have 90% of students at or above standards.

Progress Toward High School Completion

The table below tracks progress by student cohort. The cohort groups all the first-time 9th graders who start school during the same school year and tracks how each cohort progresses toward high school completion after 4 and 5 years.

ICSD	Progress after 4 years			Progress after 5 years		
Year entered 9 th grade	Graduated	Still enrolled	Dropped out	Graduated	Still enrolled	Dropped out
2006	82%	8%	5%	82.3%	2.3%	10.1%
2007	78.5%	9.7%	5.7%	81.0%	2.8%	8.5%
2008	79.5%	5.4%	10.8%			

"Graduated" includes students with a Regents Diploma, Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation, or Local Diploma. Local Diplomas are being phased out for general ed. students in 2013. An IEP diploma is not considered as a graduation diploma.

Source: NYS Education Dept. School Report Cards, Information & Reporting Services

Post High School Plans

- 59% to 4-year college, 25% to 2-year college
- 1% to military, 10% to employment, 5% to other plan

Source: NYS Education Dept. School Report Cards

4. Health and Substance Use

Youth Substance use

- ICSD student alcohol use is the highest in the county and higher than national rates for 10th and 12th grades. 21% of students in grades 6-12 reported use in the past 30 days.
- ICSD student marijuana use rates are the highest in the county and 10th and 12th grade rates are higher than national peers. 17% of students in grades 6-12 reported use in the past 30 days.
- ICSD youth 30-day cigarette use rates are the second lowest in the county. 5% of students in grades 6-12 reported use in the past 30 days.
- ICSD youth smokeless tobacco rates are the third lowest in the county (4%).

Source: 2012 Youth Development Survey, Tompkins & ICSD results

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Teen Pregnancies & Births

	Town of Ithaca Teen Pregnancies			Town of Ithaca Teen Births		
	10 - 14	15 - 17	18 - 19	10 - 14	15 - 17	18 - 19
2002	0	3	4	0	3	4
2003	0	1	5	0	1	4
2004	0	0	3	0	0	3
2005	0	2	1	0	2	1
2006	n/a	0	3	n/a	0	3
2007	n/a	2	1	n/a	0	1
2008	n/a	1	2	n/a	1	1
2009	n/a	0	1	n/a	0	1
2010	n/a	1	4	n/a	0	4

(Town of Ithaca and Village of Cayuga Heights)

Source: NYS Dept. of Health Vital Statistics

Mental Health

- 26% of students said they feel sad or depressed most days.
- 21% of students reported that sometimes they think life is not worth it.

Source: 2012 Youth Development Survey, Tompkins & ICSD results

5. PINS & Pre-PINS*

Pre-PINS and PINS Referrals to Probation by schools

	2010		2011		2012	
	Pre-PINS	PINS	Pre-PINS	PINS	Pre-PINS	PINS
Cayuga Hts. Elem.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northeast Elem.	0	0	0	0	0	0
Boynton M.S.	0	7	1	7	0	9
DeWitt M.S.	2	3	0	0	0	0
LACS	0	1	0	5	0	0
Ithaca H.S.	0	17	0	15	0	18

*A Person in Need of Supervision (PINS) is a youth under the age of eighteen who is showing a pattern of habitual disobedience, running away, curfew violations, substance abuse, violent behavior, or school truancy problems. Pre-PINS Diversion Services attempt to resolve the conflicts that brought a youth to the attention of the Probation Department by offering supervision, guidance, and referrals to community resources, thus preventing the need for formal Family Court intervention. Pre-PINS Diversion is a mandatory prerequisite prior to filing a formal PINS petition in Family Court.

Source: Tompkins County Probation Dept.

Data Note: The 2000 U.S. Census numbers for Town of Ithaca, City of Ithaca, and Village of Cayuga Heights were corrected in 2002. 512 people were moved from C. Ithaca to T. Ithaca, including 465 to V. Cayuga Heights. However, all 2000 Census tables available publicly do not show the correction. For this reason, we have used the uncorrected figures in section 1 of this document.